



# LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON HIV

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**Approved**  
**9/1/2009**

## PRIORITIES AND PLANNING (P&P) COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 5, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	PUBLIC, CONT.	PUBLIC, CONT.	HIV EPI AND OAPP STAFF
Jeffrey Goodman, <i>Co-Chair</i>	None	DeAndre Ford	Victor Martinez	Kyle Baker
Kathy Watt, <i>Co-Chair</i>		Susan Forrest	Leland Morroh	Juhua Wu
Carla Bailey		David Giugni	Leunia Navarro	
Anthony Braswell	PUBLIC	Terry Goddard	Trip Oldfield	
Robert Butler		Philip Hendricks	Jenny O'Malley	COMM STAFF/ CONSULTANTS
Fredy Ceja		Tonya Hendricks	Everardo Orozco	
Douglas Frye	Traci Bivens-Davis	Miki Jackson	Dean Page	Julie Cross
Michael Green	Robert Boller	A.J. King	Mickie Robbins	Jane Nachazel
Bradley Land	Bill Brown	Lee Kochems	Nicholas Rocca	Glenda Pinney
Ted Liso	Vanessa Cardona	Anita Le	Scott Singer	Craig Vincent-Jones
Anna Long	Pamela Chiang	Tsun Ma	Brigitte Tweddell	
Quentin O'Brien	Miguel Fernandez	Miguel Martinez	Silvia Valerio	

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Goodman called the meeting to order at 1:45 pm and attendees related their conflicts of interest.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**  
**MOTION #1:** Approve the Agenda Order (*Passed by Consensus*).
3. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**  
**MOTION #2:** Approve the Priorities and Planning (P&P) Committee Meeting minutes (*Postponed*).
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT, NON-AGENDIZED:** There were no comments.
5. **COMMISSION COMMENT, NON-AGENDIZED:** There were no comments.
6. **PUBLIC/COMMISSION COMMENT FOLLOW-UP:** There was no follow-up.

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7. **CO-CHAIRS' REPORT:** Mr. Goodman thanked all for their attendance.

8. **FY 2008/2009 EXPENDITURES:** This item was postponed.

9. **FY 2009 PRIORITY- AND ALLOCATION-SETTING:**

A. **Allocations:**

- OAPP submitted an allocation plan to the Committee for consideration on 8/4/2009 to address State budget cuts. In addition to the reductions detailed in the table below, other recommendations are:
  1. Fully preserve funding for the following services (in alphabetical order): Case Management, Home-based; Case Management, Medical; Case Management, Transitional; HIV Counseling and Testing; Hospice; Language/Interpretation; Medical Outpatient/Specialty; Mental Health, Psychiatry; Nutrition Support; Oral Health; Substance Abuse, Residential and Treatment; and Residential, Transitional.
  2. Partially fund the following services: 80% of Health Education/Risk Reduction (\$4.3 million); 48% of Early Intervention Programs (\$1 million); and 75% of the Therapeutic Monitoring Program (\$2.2 million).
- Several people noted the importance of MH, Psychotherapy to clients and in light of other MH cuts by the City, County, and other State funds shifted from MH to the Office of AIDS (OA). One provider expected to lose \$256,000 with each \$40,000 representing one staff person serving 67 clients, 44 intake slots and 14 crisis hours weekly. A consumer added services for the non-English speaking were especially critical.
- Several people noted the role of Case Management, Psychosocial in prevention and service referral. On the other hand, prevention has been cut repeatedly over the last nine years, so the comparative cut to CM, Psychosocial is moderate spread across the service delivery system.
- One public member spoke of the benefit of Legal Services with 2007 and 2008 Social Security Administration (SSA) data. Ms. Cross said California SSA approval rates are better than national rates with PWH rates better than overall rates. The new Benefits Specialty category will better prepare applicants so appeals are needed in fewer cases and approval is faster. The new SOAR Project is also working to achieve SSA benefits for homeless PWH.
- It was suggested funds be identified for Medical Transportation and bus passes not be restricted to medical providers. Dr. Green said current tracking is inadequate; OAPP is working to reduce duplication and improve eligibility screening.
- About half of annual funds will be expended before contract adjustments since they will be made mid-year.
- Recommended contract reductions were:

Service Category	FY 19 Contracts	Recommendations/Rationale
Legal Services <sup>1</sup>	(\$370,433) *	Sunset contract.
Peer Support <sup>1</sup>	(\$404,965) *	Sunset contracts.
Provider Training <sup>1</sup>	(\$168,888)	Sunset contract. Training can be provided in-house.
Capacity Building <sup>1</sup>	(\$600,000) *	Sunset contract.
Client Advocacy <sup>1</sup>	(\$242,000) *	Cut contract by 50%; maintain HIV/LA online directory.
Social Marketing	(\$800,000) *	Cut at least 50%. Not a direct service provider. Determine what KCBS can do with reduced award.
Treatment Education <sup>1</sup>	(\$1,451,895) *	Sunset contracts.
Medical Nutrition Therapy <sup>1</sup>	(\$326,871) *	Sunset contracts. Fold services into Medical Outpatient contracts with no funding.
Case Management, Psychosocial <sup>1</sup>	(\$800,000)	Eliminate the NCC-funded amount.
Transportation <sup>1</sup>	(\$200,000)	Implement client eligibility rules consistent with federal poverty guidelines effective 10/1/2009. Only provide bus passes to Medical outpatient providers.
Mental Health, Psychotherapy	(\$400,000) *	Cut contracts by 20%, based partially on under spending.
Community Mobilization Initiative (CMI)	(\$220,000) *	Indefinite postponement of RFP.
<b>Total Funding Cuts</b>	<b>(\$5,985,052)</b>	<b>12-month adjusted available funds to preserve essential services affected by State cuts.</b>

<sup>1</sup> Contract/funding terms cross fiscal years, therefore funding adjustments do not reflect expenditures prior to 7/1/2009.

\* Indicates full contract amount for a 12-month period.

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- The Committee unanimously voted to approve a plan based on OAPP's recommendations with the following modifications:
  - Fully preserve Mental Health, Psychotherapy funding (do not cut by 20%). The Committee felt this was an essential service critical to the health and well-being of clients, especially in the current climate – as indicated by rising utilization and expenditure.
  - To accommodate the restoration of Mental Health, Psychotherapy funding, the Committee and OAPP agreed that the social marketing contract should be fully cut (not cut by only 50%) or paid for through other non-care and treatment resources.

**MOTION #3 (Braswell/Bailey):** Call the question (**Passed—Ayes:** Bailey, Braswell, Ceja, Frye, Green, Goodman, Land, Liso, Long, O'Brien, Watt; **Opposed:** Butler; **Abstentions:** none).

**MOTION #4 (Land/Goodman):** Adopt the plan as presented by OAPP except to restore full funding to Mental Health, Psychotherapy and eliminate the allocation for Social Marketing (**Passed: Ayes,** Bailey, Braswell, Ceja, Green, Goodman, Land, Liso, Long, O'Brien, Watt; **Opposed,** none; **Abstentions,** Butler, Frye).

10. **FY 2010 PRIORITY- AND ALLOCATION-SETTING:** This item was postponed.

11. **NEXT STEPS:**

- Hold contingency planning meeting on 8/11/2009, 9:00 am to 12:30 pm, if the State makes additional significant cuts, e.g., if the State cuts the \$8 million in Part B funds that would ordinarily come to the County.
- Cancel the next regularly scheduled P&P Committee meeting and schedule the following meetings to address FY 2010 allocations: 9/1/2009, 9/15/2009 and 9/22/2009 (regular monthly meeting); all at 1:30 to 4:30 pm.

12. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A protest vigil will start at 7:00 pm in Pershing Square, 8/11/2009, followed by a candlelight march to the State Building. Candlelight represents shining a light in the darkness of State budget cuts and a solemnity representing the grieving for losses. Attendance is critical to both demonstrate the current impact and to lay groundwork to defend remaining funds for the next budget.
- Mr. Land indicated that the US Congress is on summer break. Members are in their home districts holding town halls on health care reform. It is important to attend and speak on issues important to PWH.
- Mr. Fernandez reported HOPWA-funded providers are contacting General Relief clients to assist them with accessing benefits.

13. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.